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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. PROBLEMS WITH FOCUSING SPANISH AYES ON REFORM

MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY OSORIO TOLD AMBASSADOR STABLER JULY 22 THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT FACES DIFFICULTY IN TRYING TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION SINCE THE MEASURES IT SHOULD ADOPT ARE NOT NOW POLITICALLY FEASIBLE. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ALSO TOLD THAT:

--PROPOSALS FOR REFORM OF THE LEGISLATURE ARE BEING REVIEWED, BUT THERE IS NO SPECIFIC CALENDAR FOR THE REFERENDUM AND GENERAL ELECTION.

--LEGALIZATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY CANNOT BE TOLERATED AT THIS TIME.

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NON-GOVERNMENT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS PRESENT FELT THAT THE

ATTITUDE OF THE DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION TOWARD THE SUAREZ GOVERNMENT IS POSITIVE BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE FAST ENOUGH AND THAT THE SENIOR MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT MIGHT IMPEDE THE GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO ACT. (CONFIDENTIAL) MADRID 5646, 7/22.)

2. SINO-PORTUGUESE TIES IN THE OFFING?

AMCONSULATE HONG KONG HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SINO-PORTUGUESE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS COULD COME AS EARLY AS AUGUST. THE CONSULATE SEES AS FACTORS IN CHINA'S NEW RECEPTIVITY TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIAL LINKS:

--THE DECLINE OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN PORTUGAL, AS EVIDENCED BY EANES' ELECTION;

--LISBON'S APPROVAL OF MEASURES AFFECTING MACAU WHICH EVIDENCE CONTINUING PORTUGUESE INTEREST IN ADMINISTERING THAT ENCLAVE.

THE ISSUANCE OF AN INVITATION TO A DELEGATION OF PORTUGUESE LEADERS SEEMS TO INDICATE THE PRC'S FAVORABLE ASSESSMENT OF RECENT POLITICAL CHANGES IN PORTUGAL. (SECRET) HONG KONG 8640, 7/23.)

3. ZAMBIA PLANS TO CONFRONT SOUTH AFRICANS IN UNSC

ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE IS IN NEW YORK EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF PRESENTING TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING SOUTH AFRICA. USUN REPORTS THAT IN A JULY 23 MEETING WITH THE BRITISH UN DELEGATION THE ZAMBIANS SAID:

--THEY ARE AWARE OF THE DELICACY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NEGOTIATIONS.

--IF OPPOSITION TO THE RESOLUTION (YET TO BE WRITTEN) DEVELOPS IN THE SC, THEY MAY SETTLE FOR DEBATE WITHOUT A RESOLUTION.

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--A DRAFT WILL BE SHOWN TO THE AFRICAN GROUP JULY 26.

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY LUSAKA, MWALE HAS STATED HE WANTS TO OBTAIN "AN UNRESERVED CONDEMNATION OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR INHUMAN AND SAVAGE ATTACKS AGAINST THE INNOCENT PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA." HOWEVER, USUN SAYS THE ZAMBIANS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SO PRECISE IN DESCRIBING THEIR DESIRES. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 3001, 2996, 7/23 AND (UNCLASSIFIED) LUSAKA 1874, 7/22.)

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